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## SUMMARY.

The San Francisco correspondent of the "Times" gives an alarming picture of the anti-Japanese agitation throughout California. He attributes the bitterness of the agitation to the recent ability, and enterprise of the Japanese. A remarkable article appears in a journal circulating in the industrial districts around Berlin. It asserts that the German Emperor's home and foreign policy. The Emperor's endeavour to be everybody's friend, the journal asserts, has caused Germany to be regarded universally as a mischievous power. Three thousand delegates were present at the Mohammedan Educational Conference at Mecca, Dec. 21. It was decided to form a league of Mohammedans to promote loyalty to the British Government, and to advance the political rights of Mohammedans. The Navas of Decca declared that the Mohammedan action of the extremists in the Indian Congress had compelled the formation of the league. Mr. J. A. Fraser, at Bloemfontein, signed the Constitutional party's manifesto. It embodies equality for white people, fair treatment for the natives, and South African unity. Mr. J. D. Rockefeller has given \$500,000 to the Chicago University. This total benefaction amounts to \$4,000,000. A plot to murder the members of the Imperial Financial Council at St. Petersburg was discovered. A meeting which the council had intended to hold was consequently postponed. A team representing the defeated South African footballers by 17 points to all. Sixty-nine negroes and negroes and two white men were lynched in America during 1906. The French bishops have unanimously decided that all church contributions shall be handed to the Government for distribution. The bishops forbid the parishioners to furnish the stipends of the priests or curates. The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the trial of the accused in the Crick-Miller trial took evidence yesterday. It was stated that the trial declared his innocence not to be proved. Other persons were taken into the position of the accused, and the trial was continued. Before he arrived, however, Brown with drew from the position, and the trial was continued. It was also stated that Brown expressed a desire to assist a priest as to the verdict. Brown denied these allegations. He stated that he only desired to assist Brown. It was stated that during the trial Brown's wife was in court in company with Mrs. Miller. Another allegation was that Felson, a Sheriff's officer, made a laudatory statement in the jury room, and also held conversations with the accused. It was stated, on hearsay, that after the trial Felson had been taken up, and the Sheriff was sent for. The inquiry will be resumed to-day.

## FARMER AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

### ANTIQUE JAPANESE FURNITURE.

ARTISTICALLY DESIGNED, SKILFULLY CARVED. We are showing in our Japanese Window a few pieces of ANTIQUE JAPANESE CARVED FURNITURE. These were specially selected by our buyer on the spot, and every piece is an art study. All have been marked at very moderate prices, and we can confidently recommend them to lovers of this style of furniture. They consist of—

### CHINA CHAIRS, TABLES, AND OTHERS.

SEE THE DISPLAY IN OUR GEORGETOWN WINDOW.

### WE INVITE YOUR INSPECTION.

### CURTAINS, DRAPERIES, ETC.

There are also a few choice specimens in Curtains, Draperies, Hangings, etc., which we shall be pleased to show, and which we feel sure our Patrons will be glad to inspect.

### SPECIALISTS IN CARPETS.

We are specialists in Carpets. We can assist you in making your choice of the best quality of Carpets, and we can also assist you in making your choice of the best quality of Carpets.

### WILSON PILE CARPETS.

A few pieces of best quality. Wilson Pile Carpets (Bordeaux to match).

BURMESA STAIR CARPETS. 12 ft. 6 in. to 14 ft. 6 in. per yard.

TAPETRY CARPETS. 12 ft. 6 in. to 14 ft. 6 in. per yard.

FRINGED DOOR MATS. 12 ft. 6 in. to 14 ft. 6 in. per yard.

Plans and Estimates Taken, and Estimates Submitted Free of Charge.

The past year has been one of the most successful we have experienced in our Carpet Department—a testimony to the sterling value goods we sell and the wide range of choice we offer.

### LINEOLIN AND MATTINGS.

We have inspection of our stock of these goods, bought from well-known manufacturers, whose name is a guarantee of quality, and whose prices are very moderate.

Lineolins, 12 ft. 6 in. to 14 ft. 6 in. per yard.

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## P. AND O. COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMERS.

### FOR MARSEILLE, LYON, AND LONDON, FIRST AND SECOND SALOON ONLY.

| Steamer. | Tons.  | Commander.    | Jan. 10. | Jan. 17. | Jan. 24. | Jan. 31. | Feb. 7. | Feb. 14. | Feb. 21. | Feb. 28. | Mar. 6. | Mar. 13. | Mar. 20. | Mar. 27. | Apr. 3. | Apr. 10. | Apr. 17. | Apr. 24. | Apr. 30. | May 7. | May 14. | May 21. | May 28. | Jun 4. | Jun 11. | Jun 18. | Jun 25. | Jul 2. | Jul 9. | Jul 16. | Jul 23. | Jul 30. | Aug 6. | Aug 13. | Aug 20. | Aug 27. | Sep 3. | Sep 10. | Sep 17. | Sep 24. | Sep 30. | Oct 7. | Oct 14. | Oct 21. | Oct 28. | Nov 4. | Nov 11. | Nov 18. | Nov 25. | Dec 2. | Dec 9. | Dec 16. | Dec 23. | Dec 30. |
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DURBAN, CAPE-TOWN, ELMHURST, AND LONDON.  
 TUESDAY, 12-00-00 on Steamer  
 RUIC.  
 TO SAIL ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 26.  
 PERBIC, RUIC, MEDIC, AND APFIC TO FOLLOW.  
 FARES: Capetown or Durban, £14 14s to £25 2s  
 New York, £25 2s to £35 2s.  
 ONLY ONE CLASS OF PASSENGER SERVICE.  
 Reduced rates for all other information  
 on application.  
 LANGUAGE received on day of sailing.  
 DALGETY and Company, Limited,  
 Agents in Australia.

**N.D.L.**  
**IMPERIAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.**  
 PORTS OF CALL: SOUTH AFRICA  
**TO LONDON AND CONTINENT.**  
 VIA COLOMBUS, RUF, LAFAYETTE, SOUTH-AMPTON, ANTWERP, AND BREMEN.  
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## RAILWAYS.

**EXCURSION TO THE HARVEY RIVER.**  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE STEAMER GENERAL GORDON.

**TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), and SATURDAY NEXT.**  
Trains will leave Sydney at 8 a.m. from Milson's Point at 2.30 a.m. The first trip will occupy about five hours.

Return fares from Sydney and Suburban Stations—  
50 p. First-class, 30 p. Second-class.  
Refreshments can be obtained on board the steamer.  
By order of the Commissioners.  
(10-11) H. MACLAUGHAN, Secretary.

## CENTRAL RAILWAY CAFE.

ON PLATFORM OF SYDNEY STATION.

**3 COURSE DINNER, 1s.**

AFTERNOON TEA—Jams, Strawberries, Fruit, and Confectionery, Cakes, etc.

Tobacco and Cigars, Pipes, etc.

MEALS OBTAINABLE FROM 6 A.M. TO 11.30 P.M.

**OPEN SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.**

LARGEST, COOLEST, AND BEST APPOINTED RESTAURANT IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE.

P. HART, Lessee.

## AMUSEMENTS.

## THE LYCEUM.

801 PITT STREET.

Role Director and Manager, C. SPENCER.

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Under the Direction of

J. C. WILLIAMSON.

THE TITTELL BRUNE SEASON.

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OF THE REDEMPTION OF HUNDREY.

A Brilliant Characterization.

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**BUY WHOLE BOTTLES**

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## RACIAL STRIFE.

## CALIFORNIA'S ALARMING CONDITION.

LONDON, Jan. 2. The San Francisco correspondent of the "Times" gives an alarming picture of the anti-Japanese agitation throughout California, and in a lesser degree on the coast of the Pacific Slope. The correspondent attributes the bitterness of the agitation to the country's ability, and enterprise of the Japanese.

When the Canadian mail left Vancouver the President had just delivered his message to Congress, in the course of which he supported the attitude taken up by the Japanese in California, and went so far as to intimate that he would use force to bring the recalcitrant State to its senses. The Japanese, however, are not so easily deterred. They have been in the habit of sending a large number of their people to California, and have been successful in obtaining the right of settlement in the State. The Japanese, however, are not so easily deterred. They have been in the habit of sending a large number of their people to California, and have been successful in obtaining the right of settlement in the State.

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## OUTSPOKEN GERMAN PAPER.

## BITTER ATTACK ON EMPEROR.

LONDON, Jan. 2. A remarkable article appears in the "Reich" (Frankfurt) which is a bitter attack on the German Emperor. The article is a bitter attack on the German Emperor. The article is a bitter attack on the German Emperor.

## JAPAN'S DEMANDS.

## COMMERCIAL TREATY WITH RUSSIA.

LONDON, Jan. 2. The Moscow "Vedomosti" declares that Russia need not fear a war with Japan, which is much weaker now than in the late war, especially financially. The "House of Commons" reports that the demands of Japan in connection with the commercial and fisheries convention are more far-reaching than the official communication admits.

## REPUBLICAN ARMY OFFICERS.

## TREASON IN MADRID.

LONDON, Jan. 2. A party of Spanish officers, while celebrating the New Year in a cafe in Madrid, compelled the band to play the "Marcha Real," and shouted "Viva la Republica." Other officers present in the cafe protested against these sentiments.

## THE KING.

## LONDON, Jan. 2.

The King and the Queen are spending a week as guests of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth.

## A MEXICAN CROSSING.

## MILLIONS FOR THE POOR.

LONDON, Jan. 2. Senor Alvarado, a Mexican Crosser, has entrusted the Government of Mexico with \$2,000,000 for distribution among the poor.

## PERSIAN CONSTITUTION.

## LONDON, Jan. 1.

The Representative Assembly at Teheran has objected to the composition of the Persian Senate, and has refused to accept the Constitution has been re-opened with the Cabinet.

## RAISULI DESERTED.

## LONDON, Jan. 2.

Raisuli, the deposed Governor of the Tangier district, only retains 100 followers.

## KING OSCAR RECOVERING.

## LONDON, Jan. 2.

King Oscar, the aged King of Sweden, is suffering from a heart affection, but is recovering.

## MOSLEMS OF INDIA.

## A LOTAL ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, Jan. 2. Three thousand delegates were present at the Mohammedan Educational Conference at Dacca, Bengal. It was decided to form a political league of Moslems from all parts of India to promote loyalty to the British Government and to advance the political rights of Moslems.

The Nawab of Dacca declared that the Mohammedans of India were not prepared to prevent Mohammedans being submerged by the enormous and noisy Hindu majority.

The Mohammedans of India, the leaders acknowledge, have not kept pace with the times in the matter of education, political or social, and so have fallen behind in their influence with the Government. The conference has outlined a scheme which principal object will be to make up for the loss of influence by the Mohammedans in India. The scheme is to form a league of Moslems from all parts of India to promote loyalty to the British Government and to advance the political rights of Moslems.

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## THE INDIAN CONGRESS.

## CLAIM TO AUTONOMY.

LONDON, Jan. 2. The Indian Congress at Calcutta has claimed in its closing address that the people of India were entitled to self-government, like the United Kingdom or the colonies. He appealed to the Congress to demand that the Government should grant to the people of India the right of self-government, like the United Kingdom or the colonies.

## RUSSIA.

## MILITARY MUTINY AT TIFLIS.

## OFFENDERS PUNISHED.

LONDON, Jan. 1. Seven soldiers at Tiflis, Transcaucasia, have been sentenced to from four to twelve years' penal servitude, and one to a term of imprisonment, for taking part in a mutiny, during which the commandant, one of his officers, and a chaplain were murdered.

## SENSATIONAL PLOT DISCOVERED.

## COURT CHAMBERLAIN FOR FREEDOM.

The Czar has dismissed Prince Paul Dolgorouki, Court Chamberlain, who is a member of the Party of Freedom of the People and the Vice-president of the first Duma.

## ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

## CONSTITUTIONAL PARTY'S MANIFESTO.

LONDON, Jan. 1. Mr. John Fraser, M.L.C., Bloemfontein, formerly an officer of the Orange Free State, has signed the Constitutional Party's manifesto. It embodies equality for white people, just and fair treatment for the African native races, who, it is declared, should be under local, not imperial, control, the encouragement of the federation of the South African colonies, and immigration.

## THE INTENT.

## KING EDWARD'S WISH.

LONDON, Jan. 2. King Edward, in acknowledging New Year greetings from the "Echo de Paris," states that he earnestly trusts the friendship of the two countries will never be disturbed.

## LYCHING IN AMERICA.

## LAST YEAR'S VICTIMS.

LONDON, Jan. 1. Sixty-nine negroes and seventeen whites were lynched in America during 1906.

## THE TEMPERANCE.

## LONDON, Jan. 2.

The temperance cause has been aided by a new Drednought, has been laid at Devonport.

## MUNICIPAL NEW YEAR'S GIFT.

## LONDON, Jan. 1.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller has made a New Year's gift to the Chicago University of three hundred dollars (\$300,000). His total benefactions amount to \$4,000,000.

## SOUTH AFRICAN FOOTBALLERS.

## DEFEATED BY CARDIFF.

LONDON, Jan. 1. The South African Rugby football team played a team representing Cardiff, and were defeated by 17 points to nil.

## VACANT PORTFOLIOS ALLOTTED.

## LONDON, Jan. 2.

The Premier to-day offered Mr. Langdon, Minister of Education, the portfolio of Chief Secretary and Minister of Labour. Mr. Langdon has accepted the offer, and will go to the House of Commons to-day to resign his seat.

## THE CHURCH IN FRANCE.

## BISHOPS CONTROL CONTRIBUTIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 1. The French bishops have unanimously decided that all contributions of the faithful towards the support of the Church must be handed to the bishops, who alone will distribute them. They further forbid parishioners to furnish the stipends of the priests or curates. The decision of the bishops is causing irritation.

## NOMINAL RENTS ASKED.

Many of the Communes in France are asking only nominal rents for the manures of the priests. In one instance one franc (about 10d) per annum has been asked.

## OBITUARY.

## MRS. JOSEPHINE BUTLER.

LONDON, Jan. 2. The death is announced of Mrs. Josephine Butler, the leader of the agitation for the abolition of the Contagious Diseases Acts. Mrs. Butler was aged 75 years.

Mrs. Josephine Butler had retired from all public work. Her most notable appearance, however, was as a leader of the agitation for the abolition of the Contagious Diseases Acts. She was a woman of great energy and determination, and her work was of great importance to the cause of the abolition of the Acts.

## THE TALLOW SALES.

At the sales of Australian tallow to-day 1457 casks were offered, and 723 were sold. Prices of December 5 were unchanged, but were 1s 1d higher than the lowest acceptance. Fine mutton realised 3s 3d per cwt.

## TASMANIA.

## HOLIDAY MAKERS.

Wool sales.

The sixth annual wool sale at Hobart will commence on Thursday at the Town Hall. A great many of the finest samples of the wool to-day. A good sale is anticipated. The lots are in excess of 100 buyers here.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

## ADULTERATED FOOD.

PERTH, Wednesday. Mr. B. Bowley, city analyst, has furnished a report to the city council regarding the quality of the food supply. Mr. Bowley says that he has found that the food supply is adulterated with milk and tinned food. He has found that the food supply is adulterated with milk and tinned food.

## YACHTING CONTESTS ON PORT PHILLIP.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday. Preliminary to the interstate yachting contest, the Rawhiti, which arrived in Hobart on Monday, will start on Tuesday. The Rawhiti will start on Tuesday.

## REVENUE RETURNS.

## THE COMMONWEALTH.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday. The Federal revenue for the month of December 1906 was £4,387,291, or £29,335 more than for the same month of the previous year.

## THE MELBOURNE STRIKE.

## RE-OPENING OF WORKS.

ON FORTY-EIGHT HOUR PRINCIPLE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday. To-morrow the building trades contractors will begin work on the 48-hour principle. They are hopeful that the strike will be ended by to-morrow.

## STUCK BY LIGHTNING.

## A BOUNDARY RIDER KILLED.

ALBURY, Wednesday. A boundary rider named Hopkins was employed on a station near Albury. He was killed by lightning on Monday night. He was killed by lightning on Monday night.

## TONGAN NEWS.

## FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

NUKULOFA, Dec. 12. We seem to be in the midst of our rainy season, and for the last three weeks it has been raining very consistently. The roads in the interior of the island are almost impassable for mud, through which the little native horses struggle with difficulty. The mud is very deep, and the roads are very muddy.

## SACRILEGE AT LEWISHAM.

## DYNAMITE USED.

It is seldom that thieves turn their attention to the contents of a church. At Lewisham, however, a large quantity of dynamite was stolen from the church on Monday night. The dynamite was stolen from the church on Monday night.

## LATE SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS—Jan. 2.

Marion, a 300-ton steamer, from London, arrived at 10 a.m. The Marion, a 300-ton steamer, from London, arrived at 10 a.m.

## THE COMMONWEALTH.

## UNION LABEL.

FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday. The Trade Marks Act is now in operation. In the regulations issued there are extensive directions regarding the use of the union label. The union label is now in operation.

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### STANLEY CYCLE SHOW.

**FEW NOVELTIES FOR THIS YEAR.**

The Stanley Cycle Show, which opened on November 23 at the Agricultural Hall, London, was one of the best exhibitions yet held. For nearly 50 years the show has been held at the same place, and it has supported it. That the cycle business is thriving as it has not thrived before is demonstrated by the statement of the manager, who said that he had more space at his command he could have let 50 more stalls at the Agricultural Hall. Altogether over 300 firms rented space at the exhibition. According to the manager, the Stanley Cycle Show was maintained, a fact due to the determination of the leading firms to do away with cutthroat competition by a general standing. In some cases the figures were slightly higher, but this circumstance was occasioned by a demand for a higher-grade tyre than the product of the firm. Cheap tyres have quite gone to the wall or so ago.

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## SWIMMING.

### SYDNEY SWIMMING CLUB.

The Sydney Club's annual carnival will take place to-night, at 8 o'clock, at Lavender Bay Programme Baths. The carnival will include the following events: the 220yds State championship, a 200yds Junior Handicap, and the 100yds Club Championship.

Entries have been received for the 220yds State championship from all swimmers who have any claim to the title. Cecil Healy (200yds champion of the world), Irish from his Continental triumphs, will meet Harold Black (100yds champion of New South Wales). The 200yds Junior Handicap will be contested by the best available six of Sydney. In addition to the 200yds club championship there are a 50yds Interclub Handicap, and a 100yds Novice Handicap, for which large entries have been received.

The swimming will be interspersed with novelty events, such as duck and fancy diving, and a display by the Sea Gull Club.

**GIFFTS DISTRIBUTED.**

**YOUNG.** Wednesday. New Year's Day was celebrated by a distribution of gifts to all children aged 15 years and under who lived in the town and district. The children were met by an impromptu concert in the Town Hall on Friday night, organized by the Rev. Mr. King, of the Presbyterian Church, who is relieving the Rev. Mr. Watts on holiday. The funds were augmented by a caravan of the town. Over 600 tickets, corresponding to numbers on the programme, were sold to the children as they entered the hall, and about 100 were reserved.

moveurs which are being placed upon the market, and the "Lancet" rejoices in the fact. Bacteriological science says, on the contrary, to demonstrate the existence of disease germs in common household dust, and there is evidence of an eminently practical character that dust is otherwise a source of disease. The world has had its share of epidemics of spreading the infective and irritating particles than the old-fashioned broom. The method is not only insanitary but absurd from the point of view of its application. The dust is stirred up by the sweeping of the chair, or curtain effectually enough, but the dust is only removed to be scattered elsewhere and to be spread over an even wider area than before. The passing of the broom, which is the only method of sweeping still, is the view of the "Lancet," "be a fact of great sanitary significance."

day on Tuesday evening. A heavy storm occurred and over an inch of rain fell.

**LAUREL**.—Steady rain fell on Wednesday evening.

**PANAMA**.—The weather was stormy on Wednesday night and a 1/2 inch of rain in one shower in the afternoon.

**ROBERTSON**.—Thunder showers fell on Tuesday evening and 1/2 inch of rain was registered. Drizzling rain fell during Wednesday morning.

**RINGBOLT**.—A thunderstorm occurred about 4 p.m. on Wednesday, and for 30 minutes heavy rain fell. The water chills were overdone. There was also a fall of 1/2 inch of rain. The largest sown here for a fall was 1/2 inch. The hail was 1/2 inch. The stone fruit and grape crops were damaged. Sixty points were registered.

Two pages of this week's Sydney Mail are devoted to Mudgee and district. Some excellent views have been obtained. A special article on the town and district accompanies—

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